

Department of Labor
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Vocational Training Instructor of the Year Award
Draft Criteria

PURPOSE

To recognize teachers who are providing outstanding vocational technical career education programs for youth and/or adults in their respective fields and communities. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that are serving to improve and promote vocational technical career education.

CRITERIA

- 1) **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:** The nominee demonstrates instructional expertise, creativity, and innovation. The nominee uses a variety of techniques to effectively address students' different learning styles and needs. The nominee is an instructional leader at the local, state, and/or national level.
- 2) **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** The nominee frequently interacts with community members on substantive education issues. The nominee identifies and helps to bring community resources to students in both formal and informal settings.
- 3) **LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The nominee continually engages in experience to improve his or her practice and to gain new skills and knowledge. The nominee shares this new learning with colleagues in a variety of venues. The nominee's participation in and commitment to professional development has a visible impact on his or her institution, student, and community.
- 4) **ATTENTION TO DIVERSITY:** The nominee works to provide a learning environment that meets the needs of all students, regardless of differences. The nominee recognizes and explicitly addresses the full array of values, cultures, and experiences represented in our diverse modern society, both through curriculum and instruction and in other interactions with students.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY

Individuals employed as full-time classroom/laboratory teachers in a vocational technical career education program other than at the baccalaureate level are eligible recipients for this award.

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